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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] two ignitrons in the welding installation (Schweiss-taktgeberanlage) at VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, went out of operation. As a result, tube production was stopped completely.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Deputy-Minister Alfred Wunderlich, head of the Production Area for General Machine Construction in the Ministry for Machine Construction, informed Minister for Machine Construction Heinrich Rau, that the breakdown of the welding installation was a catastrophe causing the stoppage of tube production. Wunderlich also declared that he would try to use two ignitrons from VEB LEW Hennigsdorf as replacements for the broken-down ignitrons. The Hennigsdorf plant has ignitrons to be put into welding installations for export. Wunderlich stated, however, that there is an immediate need for the import of two ignitrons, AEG type, and two more of the same kind as replacements. The four ignitrons, AEG P.L. NR5552, represent a total value of 2,400 DME. Wunderlich suggested to Rau that the Chemiepha firm at Kronenstrasse 33¹ in Berlin W 8 be commissioned to procure the ignitrons.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Rau requested Chemiepha to procure the ignitrons.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: The 1952 telephone book indicates the address of Chemiepha as Berlin C2, Scherrenstr. 9a.

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